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SUBJECT: LEFT FLAYS U.S., ISRAEL, AND PEACE PROCESS

- 1. IN UNSIGNED EDITORIAL, JULY 26, AL AHALI DECLARED LEEDS CONFERENCE A FAILURE. SAID ISRAEL AND U.S. WILL NEVER TAKE SERIOUSLY ANY EGYPTIAN INITIATIVE UNLESS EGYPT PREPARED USE EVERY WEAPON IN ARAB ARSENAL, INCLUDING MILITARY, AGAINST ENEMY. LEFTIST WEEKLY CLAIMED THAT, NINE MONTHS AFTER SADAT INITIATIVE AND FIVE YEARS AFTER OCTOBER WAR, WASHINGTON STILL "TRYING TO CONVINCE ISRAEL WITH WORDS." NO SERIOUS U.S. PRESSURE HAS BEEN EXERTED DESPITE FACT THAT EGYPT HAS MADE EVERY CONCEIVABLE CONCESSION AND HAS NOTHING MORE TO GIVE.
- 2. PAPER RHETORICALLY ASKED WHETHER U.S. UNABLE COMPEL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ISRAEL TO SWALLOW "ITS GREEDY AMBITIONS" AND RECOGNIZE LEGITIMATE ARAB RIGHTS. U.S., IT ASSERTED, CAN DO MUCH MORE; ITS ROLE AT LEEDS WAS ONLY AS "SPECTATOR." AL AHALI CONCLUDED "GAME" BEING CONSCIOUSLY PLAYED TO FURTHER ISRAELI INTERESTS.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS MOST SEVERE ATTACK ON PEACE PROCESS

AND U.S. SINCE AL AHALI REAPPEARED. ALTHOUGH IT CONTAINS FAMILIAR LEFTIST THEMES, ARTICLE LIKELY TO ATTRACT CONSIDERABLE INTEREST SINCE ITS CONCLUSION ON U.S. ROLE WIDELY SHARED AMONG INTELLECTUALS. EILTS

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